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- 1. AMBASSADOR WHITE AND MISOFFS HAVE AGAIN QUERIED SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE STEWARD ALONG LINES REFTEL. STEWARD WILL NOT BE DRAWN OUT BEYOND OFFERING INFO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN USUN 3782 AND 3816, AND STATING SAG'S INTENTION TO "REMAIN FLEXIBLE". STEWARD WAS MORE VAGUE THIS TIME, HOWEVER, CONCERNING SAG'S PLAN FOR ATTENDANCE AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.
- 2. WE REMAIN PERSUADED THAT SAG IS AWAITING RESULTS OF LIMA CONF AND RHODESIAN TALKS BEFORE FORMULATING DEFINITE PLANS FOR 30TH GA. (WE REMAIN DOUBTFUL THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL ATTEMPT TO ATTEND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.) THERE INDEED APPEARS TO BE A DEEP SPLIT WITHIN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICYMAKING LEVEL BETWEEN "HARD-LINERS" WHO WOULD JUST AS SOON FORCE PARTICIPATION ISSUE TO A HEAD, THEN QUIT UN, AND "SOFT-LINERS" CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO TEND TOWARD ".MODIFIED MALDIVIAN FORMULA",

AS DESCRIBED USUN 3816. AS THEY DID LAST YEAR, SOUTH AFRICANS MAY WELL "AD HOC" IT, AND PLAY THE SESSION OUT AS IT COMES. THIS GAME PLAN MAY EXTEND EVEN TO TIMING OF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS SINCE, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, PERM REP BOTHA FEELS THAT ONCE HE HAS RECEIVED CREDENTIALS, FROM PRETORIA DECISION WOULD BE UP TO HIM PERSONALLY AS TO WHEN HE WOULD SUBMIT THEM. HE IS SOMEWHAT TEMPTED BY POSSIBILITY OF LETTING THEM GATHER DUST IN HIS DESK DRAWER, THUS POSSIBLY POSTPONING CONFRONTATION UNTIL QUITE LATE IN SESSION.

3. AS REPORTED USUN'S 3430, 3608 AND 3658 BOTHA HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION ALREADY WITH AT LEAST PERM REPS OF UK AND FRG.

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